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SUBJECT: ERDA - MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER COOPERATION IN COAL
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1. JERZY KAHANEK, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER, CONFIRMED POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TRANSMITTED BRIEF REPORT OF MEETINGS WITH ERDA STAFF ESSENTIALLY ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS HAS GENERATED SOME CONFUSION AT THE MINISTRY. THE MINISTRY BELIEVES ERDA-MINISTRY COOPERATION DISCUSSED IN CONSIDERABLE TECHNICAL DETAIL DURING STRANZ DELEGATION VISIT TO U.S., MARCH 3-18, 1975, AND THAT AGREEMENT ON THEMES OF COOPERATION HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED. KAHANEK'S OPINION WAS THAT THE PROPOSED GOUSE DELEGATION VISIT IN JANUARY SHOULD NOT COVER THE SAME GROUND AS THE STRANZ VISIT.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE ERDA REQUEST FOR MORE TECHNICAL DETAIL ON PROPOSED PROJECTS IN ADVANCE OF THE GOUSE DELEGATION VISIT. KAHANEK WISHED TO KNOW IF THIS SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF POLISH PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH CONTRACTS. HE NOTED THAT SHORTLY THE MINISTRY WILL BE FORWARDING TO THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ERDA, THREE RESEARCH PROPOSALS ON COAL EXTRACTION/HYDROGENATION WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY 28 MILLION ZLOTIES. KAHANEK STATE THE MINISTRY WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE A CRASH EFFORT TO DEVELOP AND FORWARD TO ERDA, WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, ADDITIONAL RESEARCH PRPOSALS IN THE AMOUNT
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OF 100 MILLION ZLOTIES (I.E., ENOUGH TO COVER ALL ANTICIPATED

ERDA DEPOSITS TO JOINT FUND) BUT WISHED TO BE ASSURED THAT THIS IS WHAT ERDA ACTUALLY WANTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ERDA CLARIFICATION REGARDING THIS POINT.

3. AT PRESENT, KAHANEK SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN RECEIVING GOUSE DELEGATION IN POLAND DURING JANUARY, BUT INQUIRED WHETHER ERDA WOULD OFFICIALLY PROPOSE SUCH A VISIT TO THE MINISTRY BY LETTER. HE NOTED THAT THE STRANZ DELEGATION FOLLOWED THIS PROCEDURE IN PREPARATION FOR MARCH VISIT TO U.S.

4. KAHANEK ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING WHAT TYPE OF AGREEMENT ERDA PROPOSES TO DISCUSS WITH THE MINISTRY DURING THE JANUARY VISIT AND SPECIFICALLY, HOW IT WOULD DIFFER FROM THE OCTOBER 8, 1974, INTERIOR/MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN COAL RESEARCH.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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